

Radio Stamps
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Hello again, and welcome to the sixth edition of ***Radio Stamps*** in 1993. A special welcome, as always, if you're listening to the program for the first time. This is program number 32, and its time for another ***Radio Stamps*** contest.

You're tuned today to the monthly program that's all about the fun of collecting postage stamps and meter stamps and postal cancellations on the topic of radio. This program combines the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps from around the world all about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, from amateur radio to radio stations.

Collecting radio stamps is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby. You can collect by trading with friends and correspondents around the world. You can browse through the stock of stamp dealers with your checklist, or you can buy from dealers through the mail. You can also win stamps for your collection right here on the ***Radio Stamps*** program.

Since the ***Radio Stamps*** program started in 1990, here on the DX Partyline program at HCJB, there have been 19 contest winners from 10 different countries around the world - Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Indonesia, New Zealand, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, the United States, and Wales. The prizes I've given away, from my own collection, or provided by radio stations and individuals, include first day covers, stamp collections and T-shirts.

The best way to get details for any of the contests I have is to be a regular listener here on HCJB. ***Radio Stamps*** is heard on the DX Partyline program on the first Saturday of the month. Each and every listener is eligible to enter the contests.

I also have a special draw, held once a year, for ***Radio Stamps*** reporters. You are invited to join an international network to report on new issues and finds of radio stamps from around the globe. You can participate each month, if you like, or as often as you wish. It's easy to join in as a ***Radio Stamps*** reporter. Just write with news from your part of the world about any new issues or finds of stamps on the topic of radio. News is also needed from reporters around the world about published references on radio stamps. If you found an interesting article about collecting radio stamps, in a radio or a stamp magazine, write and tell me about it.

Be sure to include your name and address with each of your reports. The names of all contributors to the program are entered in an annual draw to win stamps on the topic of radio. Each time you contribute as a ***Radio Stamps*** reporter, your name is entered for the draw. Only ***Radio Stamps*** reporters are eligible for this special draw. Whether you're new to collecting radio stamps, or an experienced topical stamp collector, there will be something of interest for your collection in each draw. The last two winners of the annual draw for ***Radio Stamps*** reporters were Rudi Eko Marwanto, of Indonesia, and Peter Grenfell of New Zealand. You may be the next winner.

I have a special guest with me in the ***Radio Stamps*** studio to announce today's contest. Visiting from the island of Gotland in Sweden is well known Swedish DXer Bjorn Fransson. Bjorn is visiting our family

here in Almonte with his wife Gunnel and their youngest son Helge. Like me, Bjorn also collects postage stamps from around the world on the topic of radio. That's how it all started in 1983, ten years ago now, when I received a letter from Bjorn about an article I wrote on the fun of collecting radio stamps. We've been corresponding ever since and this week we met for the first time.

Radio listening and stamp collecting, you see, are really all about people. I've been broadcasting, exhibiting my collection and writing for ten years now to promote this natural combination of hobby interests. Listening to international radio and collecting stamps from different countries is a most enjoyable way to meet and get to know other people. I've met many people from all over the globe that share these interests. Collecting stamps on the topic of radio is another great way to enjoy the radio hobby. Here's Bjorn to announce the contest.

Hello to radio listeners around the world. Greetings to members back home of the Swedish DX Federation and especially those of Murgronans DX-Club. During the past year, here on the *Radio Stamps* program, Neil has featured stamps on the topic of radio from eleven different countries. The first letters of these countries spell the name of a stamp program heard here on HCJB, on the DX Partyline program. I hope you have your pencil ready. The countries he featured were Russia, Ascension Island, Dominican Republic, India, and, when he couldn't find a radio stamps country that started with O, he substituted the next letter in the alphabet and visited Peru. To complete the alphabetical puzzle, the other countries he featured were the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Austria, Monaco, Poland and St. Helena. To enter the contest, send Neil a postcard and tell him the name of the stamp program that the first letters of these countries spell. All your entries will be entered in a draw, and the contest winner will be announced in the fall. Neil will give you his mailing address in a moment.

There are two great prizes for this *Radio Stamps* contest, one from Sweden and one from Canada. The first is a mint stamp for the 50th anniversary of the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation in 1974. The stamp shows Sven Jerring and two children broadcasting his well known program "Children's Letterbox". It started in 1925 and was one of Radio Sweden's first programs. "Children's Letterbox" ran for 47 years with the same program leader. The other prize is a first day cover in 1971, from Radio Canada International, for the official opening of RCI's shortwave transmitters in Sackville, New Brunswick. The design of the stamp, with stylized maple leaves, also includes the words "Radio Canada International, Speaking to the World". Neil will give you his mailing address in a moment to enter the contest. Good luck.

Thank you Bjorn. It's great to have you here on today's special program, and it's great to meet you at last after ten years of letters and exchanging cassette tapes. I look forward to some DX sessions with you over the next few weeks, and learning some QSL tips from an expert who has 205 countries confirmed.

Well we've run out of time. That's all for today. I hope my mailbox starts to fill up soon with contest entries. As promised, here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada.

Until the next time, best wishes for good listening and collecting.